our too extensive mass of publications in which the tremendously interesting facts of distribution are replaced by vague and unsupported statements. That so many authors dealing with phytogeography are content to draw their deductions from inaccurate data is amazing, for, in this subject as in all others, as Byron long ago asserted, "truth is always strange,—stranger than fiction."—M. L. FERNALD.

DR. FRANK SHIPLEY COLLINS, one of the original members of the NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB, for three years its president and for more than twenty-one years a faithful, effective, and highly valued member of the Editorial Staff of RHODORA, died suddenly on May 25th at New Haven, Connecticut in his seventy-third year. A biographical sketch and an account of his botanical activities will appear in an early issue of this Journal.

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